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RESERVE FUND.....\$4,400,000
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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 28, 1885. 347

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

THE business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturday, 10 to 1.

The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.

Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year.

Deposits may be on behalf of relations, friends, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.

Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.

Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

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Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

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Debentures containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business, be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 715

WILLIAM DOLAN,
SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,
22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, JIEMP CANVAS,
MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN
OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS,
CORK JACKETS,
&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1884. 266

Bank.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in London on 18th July, 1884, under the Companies Act 1862, to 1883.)

LONDON BANKERS:
UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.
BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per Annum.
" 6 " " 4 1/2 " "
" 12 " " 5 % "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION PURCHASED.
H. A. HERBERT,
Manager.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1556

Intimations.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the GENERAL AGENTS, No. 7, Queen's Road Central, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th Instant, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1884.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 18th Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, March 2, 1885. 359

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the GENERAL AGENTS, No. 7, Queen's Road Central, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th Instant, at Half-past Twelve o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1884.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 18th Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, March 2, 1885. 361

HONGKONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC SPORTS.

(Hold under the Laws of the Amateur Athletic Association.)

Hongkong, March 12, 1885. 433

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

THE SPORTS will take place on SATURDAY, the 21st March instant, commencing at 2 p.m.

ALL EVENTS except BOYS RACE and SOLDIERS RACE will BE OPEN TO GENTLEMEN AMATEURS being MEMBERS and VISITORS of The Hongkong Club and The Club Germania, Commissioned Naval and Military Officers, and being Members of the Hongkong Cricket Club and Victoria Recreation Club.

NEXT, the 14th Instant.

Forms of Entry containing List of Events can be obtained from the Hon. SECRETARY, and at the HONGKONG CLUB, THE CLUB GERMANIA and THE VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

ERNEST R. WOOD,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, March 11, 1885. 425

AMOY DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS,
No. 20.

QUEMOY SPIT BUOY RE-PLACED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a New Red Conical Buoy, six feet in diameter, surrounded by a Black Spherical Cage, has been placed immediately off the end of the Quemoy Spit.

Quemoy Pagoda bears from the Buoy N. 10° 52' E., and Taitan Lighthouse N. 75° 56' W.

The Shoal Patch which is shown on Admiralty Chart No. 1767 as forming, and on the Southern Edge of which the Buoy was formerly placed, bears from the Buoy in its present position S. 45° E., distant a little over one mile.

Masters of Vessels are warned not to pass between this Buoy and Quemoy Islands.

H. J. MEADE,
Harbour Master.

Approved:

J. MCLEAVY BROWN,
Commissioner of Customs.
Customs House,
Amoy, 3rd March, 1885. 418

NOTICE.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION IN LIQUIDATION.

ALL HOLDERS OF NOTES of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION (HONGKONG BRANCH), are hereby requested to present them to the Liquidators of the Bank, when they will be given in Exchange a certificate of the value of the Notes deposited.

HOLDERS of NOTES will be required to furnish to the Liquidators of the Bank, a schedule in duplicate, giving the date of issue, Number and Amount of each Note produced.

Forms of Schedule may be had on application at the OFFICE of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

For the
OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR
OF THE
ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION,
By his Attorneys,
J. MCLEAVY BROWN,
H. HOWARD TAYLOR.

Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 715

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MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN
OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS,
CORK JACKETS,
&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, August 2, 1884. 1235

For Sale.

NEW GOODS.

TEA TASTERS—POTS and CUPS.

Single and Double TIME GLASSES.

TEA TASTERS—SCALES.

SHOWER BATHS and PLUNGE BATHS.

New DECORATED TIN WASHSTANDS.

PARROT CAGES.

Patent LAWN MOWERS.

MORIAN'S COPYING PRESSES,

WIND-PROOF LANTERNS.

MAW'S Patent BEEF-TEA MACHINES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

ROBERT LANG & CO.,
Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters,
QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

HATS.
A large assortment of Christy's Felt Hats, always in Stock in all the newest styles.

CLOTHING.

Tweed.

Coatings.

Trouserings.

Serges.

Flannels.

SHIRTS.
Having completed our arrangements we can now make to order White Dress Shirts, equal to home manufacture.

HOSEERY, SCARFS, TIES, HANDKERCHIEFS,
BOOTS AND SHOES.

Hongkong, January 6, 1885. 33

W. POWELL & CO.

ARE REMOVING TO THE

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
ON

1st April,

ENTRANCE FROM

QUEEN'S ROAD AND STANLEY STREET.

Hongkong, March 12, 1885. 433

INTIMATIONS.

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-Year ending 31st December, 1884, at the Rate of (\$2) Two Pounds Sterling per Share, is PAYABLE on MONDAY, the 2nd March, at the Offices of the Company, to receive the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1884, and to elect Consulting Committee and Auditors.

RUSSELL & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, March 9, 1885. 409

NOTICE.

INTERNATIONAL HOTEL,
(LATE NATIONAL HOTEL)
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

THE above HOTEL is NOW OPEN

under NEW MANAGEMENT. Excellent Accommodation for BOARDERS, BILLIARDS, WIN

THE CHINA MAIL.

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For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
MOVE INTO THEIR NEW
PREMISES
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
ON
1st APRIL NEXT,

WHEN they propose selling STORES
and other RETAIL ARTICLES at
the lowest possible prices.

FOR CASH,

and giving the benefits of the Co-operative
Stores system to the Public without the
necessity of Membership. Detailed Prices
will be furnished on application.

CROSS & BLACKWELL'S

OILMAN'S STORES.
JOHN MOIR & SONS, LIMITED.

OILMAN'S STORES.

J. T. MORTON'S

OILMAN'S STORES.
MACDONALD BROTHERS'

Lowestoft

OILMAN'S STORES.

AMERICAN

OILMAN'S STORES.

WINES, &c.

CHATEAU MARGAUX.
CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints & quarts.

1863 GRAVES, "

BREAKFAST CLARET, "

SACCOME'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLADO.

SACCOME'S OLD INVALID PORT
(1848).

HUNT'S PORT.

1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

COUVOISIER'S BRANDY.

FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.

BOGGS'S OLD TOM.

E. & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY.

ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.

NOELLE PHAT & CO'S VERMOUTH.

JAMESON'S IRISH WHISKY.

MARSA.

EASTERN AMERICAN CIDER.

CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

CURACAO.

&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMMOND
and SAUNDERS, pints & quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &
J. BURKE, pints & quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, b.
the Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

Agents for:

Messrs. W. & A. GILBERT'S

WINES AND SPIRITS.

MINERALS.

PATENT FIRE-PROOF SAFES.

Messrs. TURNBULL, Jnr., and SON & CO'S

MALTESE GIGABETTES.

Hongkong, March 12, 1885. 431

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ANNA STEPHEN, German barque, Capt. H.
PAULSEN.—Wieder & Co.

ARMSTRONG ANGAL, British steamer, Capt.
A. B. MACTAUL.—D. Sisson, Sons & Co.

GOODWELL, American barque, Capt. Wm.
R. HAGAN.—ADAMSON, Bell & Co.

JESUS OSBORNE, British ship, Captain J.
WILSON.—CAVILOT & Co.

MELBEE, British barque, Captain Light-
body.—Melchers & Co.

NELLIE M. STATE, American schooner, Capt.
D. GOULD.—ARNOLD, Karberg & Co.

REFUGIO, American ship, Capt. Holmes.—
RUSSELL & Co.

SAMAN, American ship, Capt. Oliver O.
JONES.—ADAMSON, Bell & Co.

TEENOGOR, British ship, Captain A.
CANN.—DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS

TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE;

VIA

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,

AND

ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

THE Steamship *ABABIO* will be
despatched for San Francisco, via
Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 24th instant,
at 3 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama,
with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan
Ports.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to
address in full; and same will be received
at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m.
the day previous to sailing.

RETURN PASSENGERS.—Passengers, who
have paid full fare, re-embarking at San
Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa)
within six months, will be allowed a discount
of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking
within one year, an allowance of 10% will
be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Re-
turn Passage Orders, available for one year,
will be issued at a Discount of 25% from
Return Fare. These allowances do not apply
to through fares from China and Japan to
Europe.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo
destined to ports beyond San Francisco,
should be sent to the Company's Offices
addressed to the Collector of Customs, San
Francisco.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 604, Queen's Road Central.

F. E. FOSTER,

Agent.

Hongkong, March 13, 1885. 430

To-day's Advertisements.

**THE HONGKONG CHORAL
SOCIETY**

will give

A CONCERT,

IN THE

ST. ANDREW'S HALL,

CITY HALL, HONGKONG,

ON

SATURDAY EVENING,

the 21st instant.

PROGRAMME.

PAGE I.

THE ROSE MAIDEN,

(CASTAN BY FREDERIC COUPER).

Chorus, "Green Vales,"

Recitative (Tenor), "....."

Recit and Duet (Soprano and Bassino), "....."

Recit and Chorus, "....."

Solo (Soprano), "....."

Chorus, "....."

Solo (Baritone), "....."

Solo (Tenor), "....."

Chorus, "....."

Solo (Baritone), "....."

Chorus (Sopranos and Alto), "....."

Fairwells, "....."

Intermission of 10 Minutes.

PART II.

Duet, "....."

Ballad, "....."

Part Song, "....."

Ballad, "....."

Solo, "....."

Chorus from "Love's Labour's Lost," "....."

"God Save the Queen."

ADMISSION—TWO DOLLARS.

By Tickets only.

Seats may be booked at Messrs. LANE,
CRAWFORD & Co.

Doors open at 8.30; Concert to commence
at 9 p.m. sharp.

Hongkong, March 13, 1885. 431

TENDERS.

TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES OF COAL

and other necessary MATERIALS

for the Spanish Man-of-war

ARAGON will be Received in this Con-
sulate, on TUESDAY, the 17th instant, at 3
o'clock p.m., before a Committee duly
appointed, and according to the Conditions
which can be seen and consulted in this
Office every day from 10½ a.m. to 3 p.m.

ENRIQUE GASPAR,
Consul de España.

SPANISH CONSULATE,
Hongkong, 13th March, 1885. 438

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

The Steamer

Chi-qua,

Capt. McCASLIN, will be
despatched for the above

Ports on MONDAY, the 16th instant, at
4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 13, 1885. 436

FOR SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW.

(Taking cargo & passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, TIEN-TSIN,
NEWCHANG, HANKOW and
Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Steamer

Young China,

Captain LINCOLN, will be
despatched for the above

Port on MONDAY, the 16th instant, at
noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 13, 1885. 436

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.

Vessels.

Captain.

Agents.

Date of Leaving.

London, &c., via Suez Canal.

London, &c., via Suez Canal.

Manila.

Manila, via Amoy.

Manila, via Amoy.

Marselles, &c., via Suez Canal.

Marselles, &c., via Saigon.

New York.

North America.

North America, for San Francisco.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

On the 6th instant, the ironclad *Triomphant* and the trawler *Dixie* were seen steering north; presumably they will engage in the blockade of the Gulf of Pochili. It is stated that Admiral Courbet is determined not to go North until he has disabled the Ningpo river, and that he is now preparing for a determined attack on the forts at Chin-hai and the ships there.

Tues Peking correspondent of the *Shanghai Courier*, writing on the 20th February, says:—

The financial operations of the Empire have, it appears, been conducted from Tientsin, but one of the loans contracted with the Chinese by Mr. John Ponder, the director of the Eastern Telegraph Company, although already sanctioned by Imperial decree, has come to grief, probably owing to the inability of the director of the Eastern Extension Company to find the money, 500,000 pounds, at the interest contracted for. Since the arrival of the bad news presented to the court as a new year's gift by the French aggressors, rumours have been current that Prince Kung has been called upon to take again the direction of the Taung-li Yamen.

On the 6th instant, John Bingham McFarlane, engineer, was tried at the Supreme Court at Shanghai on a charge of having committed manslaughter. Deceased was the adopted son of the accused. There was no evidence given to show that McFarlane actually fired the pistol. His statement to the Jury was as follows:—He said that the pistol with which Billy was shot was an ordinary revolver and had been in his (prisoner's) possession for some years; it was generally kept locked up in a drawer; but some time before the accident, owing to there having been some disturbances at night, he had taken the pistol out to examine it, and he had loaded three of the chambers. The child's mother had, in putting the pistol back in the drawer, unfortunately accidentally lost it. On the day on which the accident occurred he was changing his clothes when he noticed the boy, Billy, with his hand in his pocket, knowing the child was after the pistol he came up to him and took the pistol from him, and it was in performing this act that the pistol went off. Prisoner then went on to say how much grieved he was at the accident, and to point out that he had a great interest in the child and had in fact supported and educated him for years. The Jury found the prisoner not guilty.

That the Straits Government are apparently rigidly enforcing the instructions regarding the treatment of belligerent vessels sent out by the home Government recently, the following extract from the *Straits Times* will show:—

The French cruiser *Primauguet* returned yesterday from Tonquin, and began coaling at the Borneo Company's wharf, and had some 84 tons put on board when the order came from the Government to refuse her coal. We understand an order was issued by Government that no coal was to be supplied to the same French man-of-war or transport proceeding to Tonquin till a period of three months had elapsed. As the *Primauguet* only left Singapore on the 18th February and returned yesterday, she came clearly under the order. No blame, we hear, is attached to the employes of the Borneo Company's wharf, who know nothing of such order, which was given to the Master-Attendant, and who should have communicated at once to the managers of the different coaling wharves instead of pigeon-holing the order.

We yesterday noted the fact that the conning of the French cruiser *Primauguet* had been pre-emptorily stopped by the Marine Authorities. The vessel left the wharf and proceeded outside the harbour limits, shooting some five miles out. Later it was discovered that some tugs were alongside discharging coal into her, and the Marine authorities last night kept watch for the tugs, intercepting the batmen belonging to one of them, at about midnight, and a third boat's crew was arrested this morning by Capt. Huddie, the Harbour Master. These men gave the name of the firm by whom they were employed and said that they took the coal on board at the Borneo Company's wharf. The authorities, we understand, are considering the question of proceeding against the firm.

The Inevitable War Squeeze.

The *Sheu Foo* of the 25th February publishes four out of twelve new regulations designed to increase the revenue and economy the cost of collection. Owing to the pressing need for measures of defence and the deficiency of funds for war expenses, Her Majesty the Empress Dowager during an audience commanded the Prince of Chun, in concert with the Taungli Yamen and the Board of Revenue, to devise means of filling the exchequer. Twelve regulations were submitted to the Throne and received the Imperial sanction. The various High Provincial Authorities have been written to by express to give the new system an honest trial and after six months report the result to Peking. Sloth, negligence, prejudiced obstruction, will be denounced by the Board of Revenue.

Two of the new regulations, which concern foreign trade, are translated below. (1) A tea tax is to be levied at the tea-producing districts. The Taungli Yamen's report shows that during 1882-3 the export of tea was as much as 190 millions of catties odd. In the reign of Tao Kwang (1821-61) the duty levied by England on tea is estimated at Taels 50 per picul, while our export duty amounted to only Taels 22, or one-tenth. It is now proposed to adopt measures to reform the tea on tea. Two methods are practicable. (1) The Kuan-han system of official chaps may be followed; every 5 lbs. paying 3 mace. As the tax is paid by the growers, it may be easily increased without giving foreigners any ground to interfere. (2) The system of tea monopolists' licenses prevalent in Ningchow and other localities may be adopted, under which each lot pays Ta. 3 mace 9. In this case in the tea-producing districts offices will be established to examine the tea and issue tea-passes, distributed by the Board of Revenue. Each pass for 100 catties will pay Ta. 3 mace 9, and every customs-barrel in the interior through which the tea is carried will levy in addition tithe and duty, and

after the pass is vised and stamped, let the trader go, so as to provide against the use of old passes and other trickery. All passes shall be annually applied for beforehand from the Board and shall be valid for one year only. This mode of collection will do no harm at all to foreign traders. Another improvement would be to omit all the miscellaneous charges hitherto made, if double duty, i.e. Ta. 7.8—were paid on receiving the pass. But all duties leviable by the Foreign Customs at the ports and provinces will still be payable under former rules. If the tea were for consumption inland, it would not pay duty or tithe again; whatever growth of tithe was exacted over for sale, and so forth being charged too far and many small payments being collected, examination would be facilitated, and a large sum of money would be saved.

Training for the Spring Races began a fortnight ago. There are a good many ponies, but jockeys are few. I am glad to be able to report that Mr. Miller, whose leg was broken last December, is now well on the road to recovery, though it is hardly possible that he should ride this meeting.

(4) The system of furnishing out the opinion is to be more widely adopted. When the coast defence of Canton was being provided for in 1874, the Provincial Treasurer invited the trader Huang Chin-yuan to face the whole opium duties of the province. He undertook to pay an amount of \$420,000 for two years, with a monthly increment of \$20,000. In 1881 the Vicar of the Two Kwangs was authorised by His Majesty to have charge over the farming of the opium duties, for another period of five years from 1880, to a new trader, Li Yung-han, at an annual rent of \$900,000. If all the provinces were able to follow the Canton system of inviting traders to farm the revenue, rents of say Taels 1,000,000 in the case of oceangoing, and several hundred thousand taels of the case of inland provinces, several millions of taels might be obtained. But as the characters of provinces differ, some perhaps could not adopt the system, and would have to devise some other scheme.

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Foochow.

9th March, 1885.

It is commonly reported that the lekin on tea is either to be raised to Ta. 3.5, or to be increased by that amount. The total lekin at present is said to be about Ta. 2.5, i.e., equal to the export duty. Merchants are naturally greatly disturbed by this rumour and indignantly denounce the proposed step as unjust, and contrary to treaty. I fear, however, that the lekin being levied in the interior of China on Chinese merchandise, the Chinese Government can raise it as they like without interference on the part of foreign powers. Meanwhile the announcement of the French that rice is to be considered contraband of war has sent up the price, and what will happen here, should no supplies come in during the next few months, is not difficult to forecast. Of course a certain amount will come forward overland from Chinkiang; but the transport is very expensive, and there are sojourns of soldiers to feed besides the ordinary population. It is to be hoped that the protest said to have been made by England may have some effect.

The Pagoda claims—as reduced by the Commission—are to be paid by the Chinese; I do not hear that any compensation for the six months' delay in settling an evidently just demand is included in the amount. The Fuh-poh having been patched up, it is reported, take up a position in Round Island Passage, which is, not too soon, to be blocked. I expect the French will be tempted to send a torpedo-boat to destroy the survivor of the 23rd August.

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